GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:32
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2011
DOPE TESTS
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh;Singh Shri Vijay Bahadur

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several sportspersons have been tested positive in doping tests conducted by the National Anti-Doping Agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such cases reported;

(c) whether a committee constituted to investigate incidents of alleged doping among sportspersons has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the outcome of the said report alongwith the action taken so far bythe Government against the concerned sportspersons/ coaches/officials etc. responsible for the lapses; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop such unethical practices in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (e):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 32 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02-08-2011 REGARDING DOPE TESTS ASKED BY SHRI VIJAY BAHADUR SINGH, SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH, MPs.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Anti Doping Rules of National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) became operational from 1st January 2009. Until 30.6.2011, NADA has collected 6607 samples of sportspersons out of which 242 have been returned positive for dope substances.

(c) The Government has appointed Justice Mukul Mudgal, retired Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab & Haryana, as a one member Committee on 07.07.2011 to enquire into all the aspects of the issues relating to prevalence of Doping. The terms of reference of the inquiry Committee are as under:-

i) To determine the facts and circumstances leading to large scale recent incidents of alleged doping in Athletics discipline.

ii) To examine reasons for such large scale prevalence of doping and modus operandi involved, including availability of the prohibited substances in and around training camps/competitions.

iii) to enquire into the role of agencies involved, if any.

iv) To suggest remedial measures to improve the protocols of dope testing and its integrity and promotion so that such lapses, if any, do not happen in future.

v) Any other issues.

The Committee has been given six weeks to submit its report.

(d) & (e): The Government has taken the following action, pending the Report of the Committee:-

i) The foreign coach, who was attached to the 4x400 meter women relay team, was withdrawn from coaching activities on 05.07.2011. His services have been terminated on 07.07.2011.

ii) One SAI Athletic Coach who was attached to the 4x400 meter relay team at the National Camp in Patiala has been placed under suspension,and another coach has been issued Show Cause Notice.

iii) The Caretaker of the New Girls Hostel of NSNIS, Patiala, has been transferred. Similarly, the Warden of Silver Jubilee Girls Hostel in NSNIS, Patiala, has been withdrawn.

iv) Two doctors (including lady doctor) have been appointed as doctors on contract basis at NSNIS, Patiala, with effect from 06.07.2011 to look after the welfare of the athletes.

v) A report has been called for from Sports Authority of India (SAI) on testing and proper distribution of the food supplements

vi) An FIR was lodged with the local police to initiate action against the local chemists who are selling Schedule-H drugs off the counter without prescription by the doctor/valid license. It is informed that police has raided various chemists' shops.

vii) The Drugs Controller General of India and State Drugs Controller have been approached for taking necessary action against the chemists who are selling Schedule-H drug without prescription by the doctors.

viii)Secretary, Medical Council of India, has also been approached to use her good offices to ensure the control of the malpractices indulged in by the chemists.

ix) Special lecturers are being arranged to elite sports persons attending the National Coaching Camps, National Coaches and Support Staff to educate them about the banned drugs. NSNIS, Patiala, has also issued instructions to all for ensuring a drug free sports environment.

x) Two campers in the National Coaching Camp at SAI NSSC, Bangalore, were tested positive and the services of their coach who was working on contract basis, were terminated with effect from 06.06.2011.

xi) NADA has already taken action to rotate Doping Control Officers.

The corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by NADA to curb Doping in Sports are as follows:-

i) Increasing the frequency of testing of Core probables undergoing training at various centres for London Olympics, 2012

ii) Surprise checking of rooms of Athletes, Coaches and Support Personnel at training institutes and surprise collection of samples.

iii) Distribution of educational materials related to dope related issues amongst Sportspersons, Coaches & Support Personnel

iv) Increase in Seminar/Workshops/Teaching Sessions with Athletes and Coaches.

v) Closer surveillance and vigilance on Coaches and Support Personnel through their Employers.